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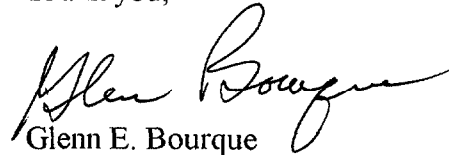
Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CPI

Please support the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

My concern is due to the excess suffering these animals endure during transport and the interim period awaiting slaughter. I have read of too many instances where these cattle have been fork-lifted, pitched-forked and left to suffer for hours in pain and without water.

Prohibiting slaughter of these animals will go a long way toward encouraging the cattle industry to protect their cattle from harm and abuse. This would prevent many downers in the first place.

Thank you,


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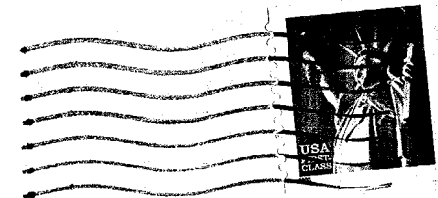
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